

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the claims

Claims 59-78 are canceled without prejudice to revival in a continuation application. Accordingly, claims 5, 7, 9-11, 13-18, 20-28, 30, 34, and 36-58 are pending with entry of the amendment.

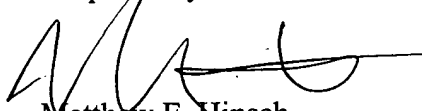
The remaining claims were allowed in the last office action. Only those claims now canceled were rejected. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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